

# **Mansfield Music Enrichment Program**

## **Guidelines for Participation**

### **Supplemental Music Lessons**

Supplemental music lessons are offered as enrichment to classroom instruction and are designed to utilize the broad scope of characteristic literature available for every instrument or voice. Rather than stress the singular goal of competition preparation, the emphasis instead is on nurturing the independent thinking and individual performance skills critical to the development of the maturing musician. The focus is on acquiring refined levels of sight-reading and technical proficiency in tandem with the attainment of an advanced sense of musical instinct and interpretation.

### **Participation**

Although optional, participation in the supplemental lesson program is encouraged and available to all students. Those who elect not to participate in supplemental lessons will not be penalized in grading, chair placement, or band/choir assignment.

### **Enrollment**

- Enrollment in the supplemental music lesson program is on a voluntary basis.
- Termination of lessons by the student, supplemental music teacher, or band/choir director will be accomplished by written notice to the student or teacher and the band/choir director.
- Supplemental music teachers are assigned as requested by the student, if possible. In some cases, individual schedules will not allow the requested teacher.
- Questions concerning assignment of supplemental music teachers should be directed to your student's band/choir director.
- Questions concerning lesson dates and times, or number of lessons taught, should be directed to your student's supplemental music teacher.

### **Students Responsibility to the Private Teacher**

- Prepare each lesson fully
- Follow attendance rules
- Provide documentation and exhibit evidence of practice
- Supply materials required by instructor
- Participate in all activities required as a condition of study

### **Private Teachers Responsibility to the Student**

- To provide each student a quality private lesson which will contribute positively to the development and continual improvement of the student as a musician and performer.
- To instill an appreciation for each instrument(s)/vocal solo repertoire.
- To cultivate the desire within each student to make music a lifelong activity.
- To exhibit professional characteristics and demeanor in attitude, appearance, behavior and responsibility in every activity germane to private lesson instruction.

## **Lesson Location and Scheduling**

- Lessons during the day will be taught in the school the student attends.
- The band/choir director of each school, in cooperation with the private instructor, will schedule lessons for the students who desire to participate.
- It is recommended that the student receive a lesson each week.
- The cost of each lesson for the 2005-2006 school year is \$16.00.
- The Director of Fine Arts determines the amount charged for lessons annually.
- Lessons may be scheduled during the student's band/choir period and before or after school.
- No lessons will be scheduled during non-music classes.
- It will be the responsibility of the student to notify his/her supplemental music instructor at least twenty-four hours in advance if a lesson is to be cancelled unless a serious emergency arises. This courtesy is also the responsibility of the supplemental music instructor if he/she must cancel a lesson.
- The band director will aid the student in advising the supplemental music teacher of concerts, programs, holidays, etc., which would result in any interruption of the regular lesson schedule.

## **Financial Considerations**

Payment will be made directly from student to private lesson teacher at the beginning of every month so as to pay one month in advance. Checks should be made payable to the individual private lesson teacher.

## **Financial Assistance**

Limited financial aid for supplemental music lessons is available to qualified students. The aid is awarded according to need, as determined by the Financial Aid Screening Committee. Applications may be obtained from the student's band director and are delivered to the Department of Fine Arts for submission to the Financial Aid Screening Committee for consideration.

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## Supplemental Music Instruction Student Registration/Parental Permission

- I wish for my child to participate in the Mansfield Music Enrichment Program (MMEP).
- I have received a copy of the MMEP Guidelines for Participation and agree to abide by all its conditions and policies.
- I understand that the cost of instruction is \$16.00 per lesson payable monthly in **advance**.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ (Print name)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument(s)/Vocal: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Band/Choir Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a need for financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*Please return this registration form to your child's band/choir director as soon as possible.*

### **To be completed by the Private Instructor**

**Private Instructor** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson day and time assigned** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director's approval signature** \_\_\_\_\_